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GREENRIDGE TUNNEL

Merten's Avenue & Western Maryland Railroad
ca. 1900

The Greenridge Tunnel, also called the Stickpile Tunnel, is located at the intersection of Merten's Avenue and the Western Maryland Railroad, northeast of Paw Paw, W. Va. The Tunnel cuts through a hill which has around 100 feet of relief, and runs a distance of 300 feet. Supports for the tunnel take the form of wooden beam arches spaced approximately every four feet throughout the tunnel. Although the structure is currently in good condition, it is no longer used by its owner, the Chessis System of Cumberland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

ALL KNOWN PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

HISTORIC

Greenridge Tunnel

AND/OR COMMON

Stickpile Tunnel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Merten's Avenue & Western Md. R.R.

CITY, TOWN

N. E. of Paw Paw

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Chessie System

Telephone #: 724-3000

STREET & NUMBER

722 Virginia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

YRABED

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

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☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

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☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greenridge Tunnel, also known as the Stickpile Tunnel, is located at Merten's Avenue and the Western Maryland Railroad north-east of Paw Paw, West Virginia.

The Tunnel is around 800 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 20 feet tall. It cuts through sedimentary rock strata, including shale and limestone, just east of Roby Hollow at a base elevation of 640 feet. The highest elevation of the hill above the tunnel is 740 feet. It runs basically north - south, and at each of those ends are concrete arches with corbeled tops. Supports for the tunnel take the form of wooden beam arches, and they were spaced approximately every four feet throughout the tunnel. Between the wooden beam arches lies bare rock, mostly shale.

Only one set of tracks runs through the tunnel; however, there is a smaller gauge of track within the regular size track. This smaller gauged track only lies within the tunnel, and was probably used during its construction to move smaller railroad cars full of excavated material out of the tunnel.

The Stickpile Tunnel is currently in good condition and structurally sound, but is no longer used. The Chessie System of Cumberland is the present owner.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	1895 - 1905	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Western Maryland Architecture
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stickpile Tunnel or the Greenridge Tunnel was built by the Western Maryland Railroad between the years 1895 and 1905. It is the second shortest tunnel between Cumberland and Hagerstown. The tunnel was constructed using standard Western Maryland Railroad design which provided for the use of concrete portals which extended 3 feet into the tunnel. The rest of the tunnel was constructed using approximately 1 million dollars worth of timber.

The tunnel is no longer in use and the Chessie System is contemplating dismantling it.¹

¹ All the above courtesy of Professor Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Frostburg State College.

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INVENTORY NO. FI- I - C - 004

DATE: 8/20/76

RENOVATING: Drastic, moderate, minor None

NAME OF PROPERTY: Greenidge Tunnel - Stickpile Tunnel

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Merten's Avenue - Western MD Fl.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North + South

NAME OF OWNER: Chassis, system 724-3000

ADDRESS: 722 Virginia Ave.

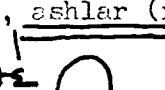
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STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings concrete  - corrugated railroad ties supported
arched (5 section) ceiling
interior w/cut shales
ties supporting top of

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANCARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - No Longer Used

Significance - Arch - Transportation

Date Constructed -

Condition - Good

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

(1) NOTE PRESENCE OF MARKS (IF ANY) ON ANY WOODEN PARTS PRESENTED

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WEST VIRG
7.5 MINUTE SEP
SW 1/4 PAW P

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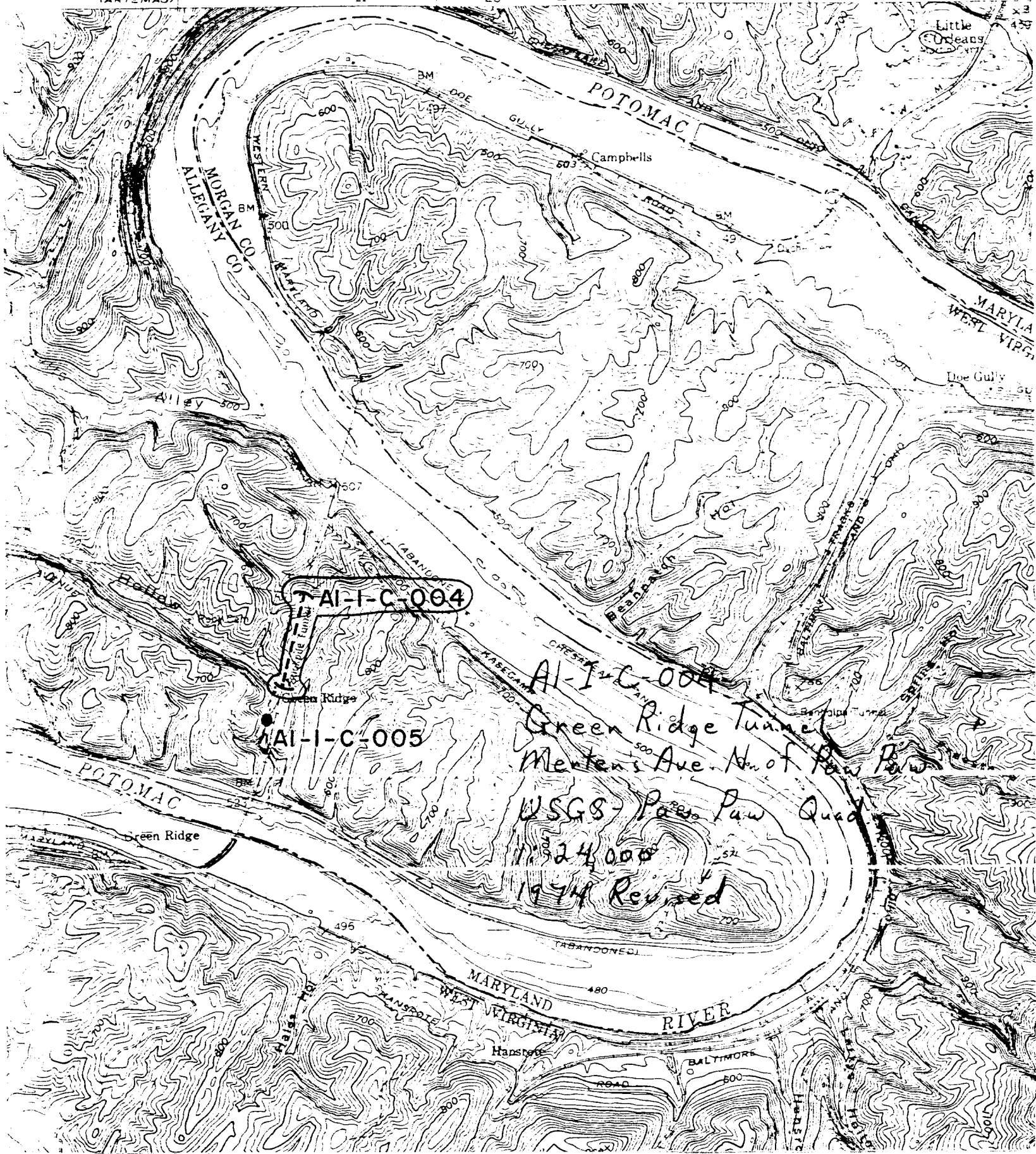
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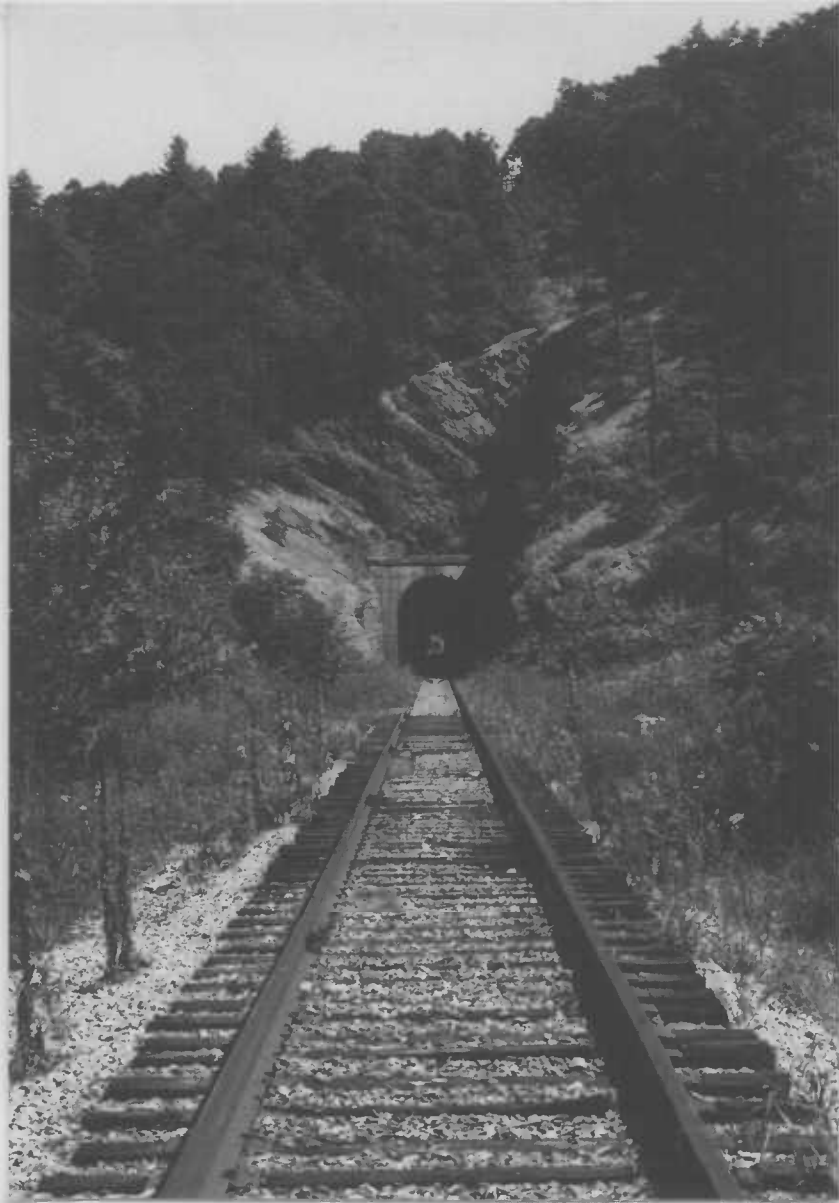
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